

# The Greatest Buddhist Mantras

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Prajna Paramita Hridaya Mantra:  
gate gate paragate parasamgate bodhi svaha

Buddho

Namo Buddhaya

Shakyamuni mantra: om muni muni mahamuni shakyamuni svaha

**Thervadan:**

## **GOING TO THE THREE REFUGES**

Repeat after the leader:

Namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammaasambuddhassa

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Homage to the Blessed One, the Noble One, the Perfectly Enlightened One.

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Buddha"m sara.na"m gacchaami Dhamma"m sara.na"m gacchaami

Sa"ngha"m sara.na"m gacchaami

Dutiyampi buddha"m sara.na"m gacchaami Dutiyampi dhamma"m

sara.na"m gacchaami Dutiyampi sa"ngha"m sara.na"m gacchaami

Tatiyampi buddha"m sara.na"m gacchaami Tatiyampi dhamma"m

sara.na"m gacchaami Tatiyampi sa"ngha"m sara.na"m gacchaami

To the Buddha I go for refuge. To the Dhamma I go for refuge. To the Sangha I go for refuge.

For the second time, to the Buddha I go for refuge. For the second time, to the Dhamma I go for refuge. For the second time, to the Sangha I go for refuge.

For the third time, to the Buddha I go for refuge. For the third time, to the Dhamma I go for refuge. For the third time, to the Sangha I go for refuge.

Leader: Tisara.na-gamana"m ni.t.thita"m

Response: -- Aama bhante

Leader: This completes the going to the Three Refuges.

– In Japanese Buddhism the Triple Refuge is usually expressed as the formula:

南無歸依仏, namu kie butsu, I go to the Buddha for refuge 南無歸依法,  
namu kie hō, I go to the Dharma for refuge 南無歸依層, namu kie sō, I go to  
the Sangha for refuge

Tibetan Refuge Mantra: Recite 108 times (known as one mala) the Refuge mantra.,

"Namo Gurubhya, Namo Buddhaya, Namo Dharmaya, Namo Sanghaya" or  
**NAMO GURU - BEH, NAMO BUDDHA - YA, NAMO DHARMA - YA,  
NAMO SANGHA - YA.**

Mother of all mantras in Dzogchen: OM AH HUM

Vajrayana: **JAH HUM BAM HO**, become non-dual

Amitabha mantras:

NAMO AMITABHAYA or NAMO AMITABHAYA BUDDHAYA

OM AMIDEVA HRIH (Tibetan)

NAMU AMIDA BUTSU (Japanese) Some sects retain use of Sanskrit

NAMO / Some shorten BUTSU to BUTS pronounced 'boots' or even to just  
BU

NAMU AMIDA BUL (Korean)

Nammo Ayida Fut ((S. Vietnamese)

Nammo Azida Fut (N. Vietnamese)

Nammo Adida Phat (Vietnamese: Nam mô A Di Đà Phật)

Shingon version:

On amirita teizei kara un (Jpn.)

Om amṛta-teje hara hūm (Skt.)

*Om save us in the glory of the Deathless One hūm!*

*Shingon seed syllable for Amida: Taraku or TRAH*

Chinese:

Namo Amituofo or (Omitofo or Emituofo)

or *Namo 'mito fo*

or just the name

Amitofo

Amitayus mantra:

**oṃ a ma ra ṇi jī va nta ye svā hā**

Avalokita mantra: Om Mani Padme Hum (HRIH)

Shingon version of Avalokitesvara (Kannon mantra:

On arorikya sowaka (Jpn.)

Om ârolik svâhâ (Skt.)

*Om Unstained One svâhâ*

Shingon seed syllable for Kannon: SA

Nichiren Daimoku: **Nam-myoho-renge-kyo**

Medicine Buddha mantra:

Version 1:

Tayata Om Bekanze  
**Bekanze Maha BeKanze**  
**Radza Samudgate Soha**

**Version 2:**  
**Om namo bhagawate Bhaishjaye guru**  
**vaidurya prabha rajaya tathagataya**  
**arhate samyaksam buddhaya teyatha**

Pandaravasini - OM PADMADEVI PUSHPADEVI PAM SVAHA

Tara mantras:

Green  
Om Tare Tuttare Ture Soha (or Svaha)

Red  
Om Tare Tuttare Santa Ra HRIH Svaha

**Kurukulla:**  
**om̐ ku ru ku lle hūṃ hrīḥ svā hā**  
**om̐ kurukulle hūṃ hrīḥ svāhā**

White  
OM. TARE TUTARE TURE. MAMA AYUR PUNYE JNANA PUSHTIM  
KURU, *SWAHA* Ohm, Tahray Tootahray tooray, mahmah ahyoor poonyay  
jnyana pushtim kuru[-ye], Swahhah

Tibetans say: OM TARE TUTTARE TURE, MAMA AYUR JANA PUNTIN  
KURU SOHA

Yellow  
OM TARE TUTTARE TURE PUSHTIM KURU OM

the 21 Taras

**OM TARE TUTTARE TURE ... then the mantras as follow:**

1. WASHEN KURU SOHA
2. SHANTING KURU SOHA
3. PUSHTING KURU SOHA
4. AYUR JANA HRI DRUM SOHA
5. AKAR SHAY HRI SOHA
6. SAWA TUGUTE TSULU SOHA
7. BADA BOTONG WARANAYA CHO SOHA
8. AHMO KASHA THAM MARAYA HUM PE SOHA
9. NOPA SABA RAKYA PEM SOHA
10. SABAR MARA PAME DAYA HUM PEH SOHA
11. BASUDARI SOHA
12. NAKLAM PUSHTING KURU SOHA
13. PORTAYA BAMI KURU SOHA
14. BANZA MAHA PATAYA BAHMI KURU SOHA
15. SARWA PAH BUM THATA GANA YE SOHA
16. SARWA DHARMA PATE SHODAYA SOHA
17. SARWA TAMBAH NETE RAY SOHA
18. NAGA BIKA SHANTING KURU SOHA
19. MUDZA NAYA SOHA
20. BIZ ARAY SOHA
21. SAWA SIDDHI SOHA